



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 6th October 2022, Week 1, Term 4

NEWSLETTER

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge this land as the Traditional Lands of the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation and we pay our respects to all elders past, present and emerging.

We will respect the land, animals and waterways, from the roots of the earth to the tops of the trees.

Thank you for letting us learn and grow on your mother earth. We understand that if we protect and look after the country, then the country will look after us.



School Vision

St Peter's is a faith filled and inclusive community that embraces diversity.

We aspire to engage and empower all to think critically and act justly, guided by our catholic values, on our journey as lifelong learners.

St Peter's School Improvement Framework

To empower students to learn

To build teacher pedagogical practices

To strengthen partnerships with families and the wider community

Welcome St Peter's Families to the start of Term 4, 2022.

I hope that all our students, families and staff have had a relaxing school holiday break. The commencement of Term 4 re introduces the school summer uniform. Over the next two weeks, students will transition from their winter uniform into their summer uniform. On Monday the 17th of October all students will be expected to wear their summer uniform and school hat during recess and lunch time. Please ensure students are wearing the correct uniform. Sport runners can only be worn with the sports uniform.

New Families

An exciting start to the term with the introduction of five new families into our school community. We warmly welcome our new families and we thank you for choosing St Peter's Epping to be the educational community that will challenge, stretch and nurture your child socially, emotionally and academically.

2023

Our 2023 Prep year level is at capacity and all new enrolment enquiries are on a waiting list. We also have a number of year levels that have waiting lists for 2022 and 2023. This is exciting for our school community and an acknowledgement of the teaching staff and leadership team for ensuring we are meeting the needs of our students' growth every day.

If your family circumstances are changing next year and you will not be returning to St Peter's, can you please let the school office manager know as soon as possible. This notification will allow families on our waiting list to enrol in our amazing school.

Office Manager: Claire Toner

ctoner@stprepp.catholic.edu.au

Play ground

Over the school holiday our new soccer goals were put in place. They look amazing.

Our new sandpit and sensory play area is well underway. Unfortunately it is not completed. We experienced a lot of rain over the holiday break and the trucks were unable to drive on our school oval. Hopefully with a couple of dry days the oval will dry out and the construction work will continue. Thanks to the generous support from our school community that supported our colour fun run that raised money for this project.



2023 Prep Information Evening

An information evening will be held for our 2023 Year Prep families on Wednesday 23rd of October at 7pm. All 2023 prep families are encouraged to attend, including existing families. Our 2023 Prep teaching team is **Grace Condidorio** and **Sophie Chepanidis**

2022 Year 6 Graduation Photo

Our 2022 Year 6 Graduation photo will be taken on Thursday 13th October at 9.30am. Year 6 students will be expected to wear their summer uniform and correct school shoes.

Term 4 Acting Deputy Principal

Our Deputy Principal Mrs Daniela Torcaso is currently on long service leave enjoying a family holiday in Europe. Mrs Sara Brundell is the acting Deputy Principal in her absence.

2023 Requests

In Term 4 the Leadership Team and I will discuss the class grouping vision for 2023 in consultation with our teaching staff. If parents / families have 2023 requests they need to be emailed no later than the 21st of October 2022. I will take into consideration requests that will enhance the social and emotional needs of our students. Unfortunately I can not consider teacher requests or requests for friendship groups. I can not promise requests will be acted on. When establishing classes for 2023 we take into consideration the social, emotional and academic needs of all students. In the coming weeks students will be asked to nominate five students they work well with. Each student will be grouped with at least one student they nominate.

St Peter's Art Exhibition

We are excited to present our 2023 Art Exhibition.

Our amazing Art Teacher Ms. Bek Hunter has been creating some amazing Art Work with our students and we are so very excited to share the work with our school community.

Be sure to put the Art Show dates in your diary.

Opening times:

Wednesday 12th October: 8.30am - 9am

Wednesday 12th October: 3.30pm - 5pm

Thursday 13th October: 8.30am - 9am

Thursday 13th October: 3.30pm - 5pm

Gold coin donation for exhibition entry.



End of Year finish dates

Term 4, 2022 end of year dates are as follows:

2022 Year 6 students finish on Tuesday 13th of December at 3.30pm. Students return to school for the Year 6 Graduation Mass celebration at 7pm.

2022 Year Prep - Year 5 students finish on Thursday 15th December at 3.30pm

Home Learning Parent Survey

We are currently re visiting our Home Learning Policy. We are seeking parent / family feedback on the current home learning process. All survey responses will be taken into consideration and discussed with our Home Learning Policy Team.

Feedback will be shared via the school newsletter.

Please refer to the link

<https://forms.gle/6hkNHsRn9FWNPsym7>

MACSSIS family Survey

Thank you to those families who have completed the survey. Families that completed the survey were entered into a draw to win one of 2 x \$50 supermarket shopping vouchers. The survey information will assist our school community to move forward and improve on our current structure.



The winners are: Roshan Upadhyay and Karl Rabago. Congratulations!

Updating your personal and contact information & changes to student medical conditions

Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on office@stprepp.catholic.edu.au so we can update our records. This includes parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.

Please ensure any changes to student medical conditions are communicated directly to the office in person or via email. This will help to ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to manage your child's medical condition.

Procedure for Reporting an Absence

Thank you to the families that are using the notices@stprepp.catholic.edu.au email account or the 'Report an Absence' link on our website, to notify the school of an absence.

It is not always possible for teachers to access emails before they mark the morning roll or they may also be absent. By sending an email to the notices email address, the office staff can make sure the roll is updated. Please send an email for each day your child is absent, or specify a date range for their absence. **A reason for the absence must be noted.**

The exemption from school form is to be completed for students that are absent for more than 10 school days. The form is also available from the school office.

■ [Application for Student Exemption From School.docx \(1\).pdf](#)

Second Hand Uniform

If your child has outgrown their uniform and you would like to donate these back to the school, please drop these in to the school office or directly to the second hand uniform shop which is open each Tuesday between 8.45 - 9.15am and 2:45 - 3:15pm. Please note the second hand uniform shop is cash only.

Northern Principal Cultural Orientation Indigenous Immersion Experience

The journey started in Darwin with 29 principals from the North Central Zone, Catholic Schools. We began with a day trip to Tiwi island. A smoking ceremony welcomed our group and then we spent the day with local people listening to their stories and talking about their art work and life experiences.

The journey to Kakadu National Park began with the Adelaide River region. We were welcomed by a local Indigenous family. These proud Limilngan-Wulna people spoke about their land and culture.

We stopped at Ubirr – a group of rocky outcrops that contain some of Australia’s best Aboriginal rock art. We walked around the site to see and learn about the artwork in the natural rock shelters, then walked to a lookout for breathtaking sunset across the floodplain.

Kakadu is considered a living cultural landscape. The traditional owners - the Bininj Mungguy - represent the longest continuous surviving human culture in the world, with descendants of the First Australians still living in Kakadu today! The Bininj Mungguy have a deep spiritual connection with the land and have been caretakers of this country for over 50,000 years.

The next stop was Arnhem Land. After crossing the East Alligator River at Cahill’s Crossing, we made our way to the entrance to Mikkinj Valley with its stunning scenery of billabongs, wildlife & towering escarpment. We experienced the region's world-famous landscapes consisting of sandstone escarpment outcrops, rock art sites, forests, floodplains and billabongs alive with abundant birdlife.

The days started very early to maximise the spectacular sunrises. We explored the Yellow Water Billabong then a couple of nights in Daly River for on-country experiences. The time allowed me to learn first hand the Aboriginal stories of dreamtime and share in the beauty of Indigenous culture’s connection to land and people through storytelling. We visited the Miriam Rose Foundation. It was here that I purchased a piece of art work for our school. The money goes directly to the young artist. Coincidentally the artist Dylan played ‘Nallah” in the movie Australia with Nicole Kidman.

We also met the local Principal of St Francis Xavier Primary and took a tour of the remote outback school. This day concluded with a trip to Litchfield. We explored an ancient landscape covering 1500 square kilometres and an important area to the Koongurrukun, Mak Mak Marranungu, Werat and Warray people. A quick stop to marvel at huge magnetic termite

mounds before heading to some Florence Falls and Buley Rockhole. The swim was a relief given the very hot days we experienced throughout the trip.

I feel very privileged to have been able to take part in the indigenous immersion learning and spend time on-country with our traditional owners of the land. I bring back to our community a greater understanding and appreciation of the way in which Aboriginal people care for the land and only take from the land what they need. I am much richer from the experience. I look forward to sharing my knowledge with our community.



Kindest regards, Angela Tonkin
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final school term!!

It is hard to believe that Term 4 has begun!! It feels as though this year is flying by!! We trust that families were able to enjoy a restful term break over the two week school holidays and are refreshed to learn and grow during the remainder of this year. Term 4 will be another fulfilling term of teaching and learning, so please keep looking out for newsletters and information shared on Operoo to stay well informed.



HOME LEARNING

Home Learning:

Home Learning, traditionally referred to as Homework, is an area of teaching and learning that is being reviewed. The current policy was created and consulted with the school Advisory committee back in 2021. We are seeking your valued feedback as we prepare to refine the Home Learning format for 2023.

You are kindly invited to share your thoughts, reflections and suggestions regarding home learning for each of your children here at St. Peter's, by completing the survey linked here:

<https://forms.gle/6hkNHsRn9FWNPsym7>

Term 4 Curriculum Overviews:

We thank our dedicated teachers for once again preparing new, engaging and relevant inquiries for their students. The core curriculum focus during term 4 is History and/or Geography. Please click on the Curriculum Term 4 Overview links to learn more specifically what your child/ren will be inquiring into across this term.

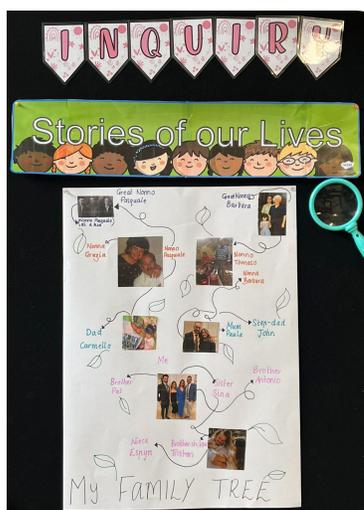
[Foundation Term 4 Overview](#)

[Year One Term 4 Overview](#)

[Year Two Term 4 Overview](#)

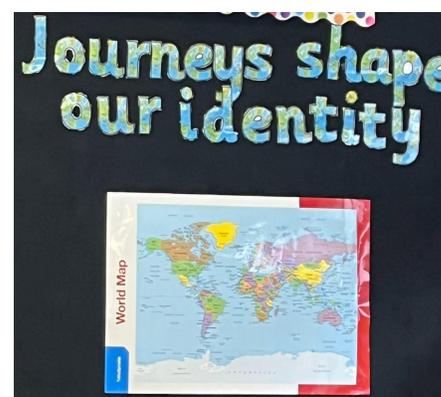
[Middle Term 4 Overview](#)

[Senior Term 4 Overview](#)



As always, if you have any questions or need any clarification, please email me and I will be more than happy to assist. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Melissa Gatt
Teaching and Learning Leader
mgatt@stprepp.catholic.edu.au



Religious Education

The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is also dedicated to the Rosary with the feast of 'Our Lady of the Rosary' on October 7th. As a family you could take some time to pray the Rosary together this month.

[This link will lead to a guide to support you in praying the Rosary together](#)



WITH THE HELP OF MARY

As Mary placed all her trust in God, we also pray to God with confidence and trust.

With the help of Mary we pray for all the people of God that we be a sign of love and hope for our world.

With the help of Mary we pray for those who feel their lives are unimportant. May they realise that God can do great things through seemingly ordinary people.

With the help of Mary we pray for those who most need God's help at this time. May they know God's loving presence.

With the help of Mary we pray for our own community. May we nurture one another in the love of our God by living as Jesus shows us. With the help of Mary we pray for the needs we hold in our own hearts. May we be ever trusting in our God, like Mary was.

With the help of Mary, woman of faith, may we be confident in asking for what we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen

2023 Sacrament Season

Our Parish community is beginning to plan for our 2023 Sacramental Season.

In order to plan forward accurately, we require all students currently in Years 2, 3 and 5 to complete and return the form sent home earlier this week by **Friday October 14th**. If you require another copy of this form, please ask your child's classroom teacher.

Sacrament dates for 2023 will be shared with the school community later this year, once they are confirmed by the Parish and the Archdiocese.



Wellbeing

On Wednesday October 19th our school will host 'The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program - Value-Based Sexuality Education' for **Year 6 families**. The purpose of the program is to encourage positive communication between parents and children about important topics about babies, birth and puberty. Sessions will be conducted by **Open Doors Education**, an ecumenical Christian non-profit organisation. The session will begin at 7:00pm in the Galilee Space.

Open Doors is also the creator of the **Wonder of Living** video series which is used during the sessions. This value-based, family friendly series has been reviewed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and has alignment with Catholic teaching and values about human sexuality. Open Doors has over 30 years' experience and an excellent reputation for its sensitive, engaging presentation of this program in schools. Attendance in this program is optional.

A Parent or Carer MUST attend the session with their child and engage with the content together. Children can not attend without Parent/Carer supervision.

Parents and Carers Corner



Online Safety

The eSafety Commissioner is providing a free webinar designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 -18. The webinar '**Digital Technologies and Mental Health**' will explore how games, apps and social media can influence young people's mental wellbeing. If you are interested please register at

eSafety parent and carer guide to digital technologies and mental health

Learn how games, apps, social media and time online can influence young people's mental wellbeing.

Join eSafety's expert education and training team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18.

October	AEDT
Wed 12	7:30 to 8:30pm
Mon 17	12:30 to 1:30pm
Thurs 27	12:30 to 1:30pm



Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars



www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Sleep

With the start of a new school term combined with the beginning of daylight savings, it is a good time to think about our children's sleeping patterns and what we can do to support them. A good night's sleep is important for our bodies physical and mental health and improves our ability to play, learn and concentrate.

[This page of the Raising Children Website](#) provides some information regarding sleep in school aged children for families that would like some more information.



Footy Fun Day

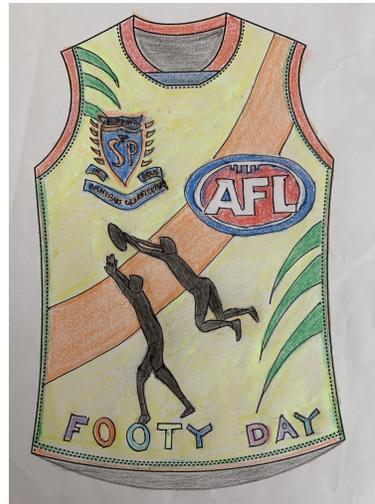
At the end of Term 3, the whole school celebrated Footy Fun Day. Everyone loved dressing up and completing footy themed activities in class and outside.

The day was made extra special with a sausage sizzle for lunch! We had an amazing group of parent helpers that donated their time to cook and serve almost 500 sausages to our hungry students (and teachers)! A big shout out to the parents committee and volunteers for supporting this day, without your generous help, events like these would not happen.

At the end of the day, the one eyed Collingwood supporter, Miss Perri, very enthusiastically led a fun footy day parade at assembly, where every class danced and sang their way around the Galilee space, showing off their sporting colours!

Awards were handed out to the three most creative guernsey designs. We congratulate Myra, Maben and Ronan on their amazing designs.

What a wonderful day everyone had!





Buongiorno tutti!

As part of the Italian language program at St Peter's Primary School, we will be holding an 'Italian Day' on Tuesday 8th November. This event will support extending our students' knowledge and understandings of Italian culture.

Throughout the day, the students will experience a variety of activities. The activities are as follow;

- An Italian Performance Incursion
- Bocce (Italian Bowls)
- Picasso Art experience
- Italy STEM challenges

Students are encouraged to wear '**Italian theme**' for example,

- The colours of the Italian flag (green, white and red)
- Clothing representing a sporting club (soccer)
- Automobile club (Ferrari, Lamborghini, Ducati, etc.)
- Dress as a character such as Pinocchio or a famous painter.



Students are able to order a special Italian lunch order through Lunch Mums for this day

Please follow this link: <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/stpetersepping>

Pizza Margarita \$5.00

Pizza Ham & Cheese \$5.50

Pizza Hawaiian \$5.50

Penne Napoli \$6.00

Lasagna \$7.00

Just Juice (choice of Apple, Orange & Apple/blackcurrant). \$2.00

Moo Milk (choice of strawberry & chocolate) \$2.00

Grazie mille,

Laura Mercuri

Key Dates Term 3 & 4

(Please note dates may be subject to change)

October	
Friday 7th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Monday 10th - Thursday 13th	Grade 6 Water Safety Awareness 1:20 - 2:10pm YMCA
Wednesday 12th	School Art Exhibition Open 8.30-9am and 3.30- 5pm (gold coin for exhibition entry) 2023 Prep Parent Information Evening 7.00pm
Thursday 13th	Grade 6 Graduation school photo - 9am (full summer uniform, school shoes) School Art Exhibition Open 8.30-9am and 3.30- 5pm (gold coin for exhibition entry)
Friday 14th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Wednesday 19th	Wonder of Living Session - 7pm (Years 5/6)
Thursday 20th	Melbourne Vixens Excursion - Year 3/4s
Friday 21st	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Monday 31st	School Closure - Report Writing Day
November	
Tuesday 1st	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Tuesday 8th	Uniform shop closed today Italian Day - Whole School Celebration - Italian theme dress / Lunch pre-order
Wednesday 9th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 1 - 9.15 - 10.30am Second hand uniform shop open 8.45 - 10.30am
Friday 11th	Remembrance Day Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Tuesday 15th	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 2 - Reading to your child workshop 9.15am - 10.30am (Parents invited to stay for this session)
Friday 18th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Monday 21st	Prep 2023 Orientation Session 3 - Maths with your child workshop (Parents invited to stay for this session)

Friday 25th	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
December	
Friday 2nd	Frozen Friday (icy poles \$1 / Zooper Doopers 50c)
Thursday 8th	2023 Year 6 students will be involved in bear signing School Christmas Carols 5pm - food available 6.30pm Carols begin
Friday 9th	School closure Day - 2023 Planning
Monday 12th	Year 6 Big Day Out - Arthur's Seat
Tuesday 13th	Last day for 2022 Year 6 students 3.30pm Year 6 Graduation Mass 7pm in the church Rose planting ceremony after mass at school entrance 2023 Moving up Orientation 12.00- 1.30pm
Thursday 15th	Whole School (Prep - Year 5) end of year Mass 10 - 11am Kaboom Year Prep - Year 5 celebration 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday 15th	End of Term 4 - 3.30pm (Grades 1 - 5)

Frozen Fridays

HERE COMES SUMMER!

Every Friday during Term 4 some amazing parent helpers will be selling icypoles.

Zooper Doopers: 50c
Icypoles: \$1



Icypoles will be sold from 1:40 - 2pm from the canteen window.

All children will be able to purchase an icypole during this time.



A message from CECV

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) has been advocating for the major Victorian political parties to commit \$150–200 million per annum towards capital infrastructure for our schools.

We are very pleased to advise that, earlier today, the Liberal–National Coalition committed \$175 million per annum over four years towards non-government schools for capital infrastructure, if elected at the state election in November.

This \$700 million investment over four years is a 75% increase on the \$402 million commitment by the Coalition and government in the current term. It will go a long way to ensuring that Catholic education will be well-placed to meet future growth, and is a welcome recognition that our students deserve access to school infrastructure that meets all the needs of a modern and evolving curriculum.

A copy of the Coalition’s media release about the announcement is available for your information.

However, while this is a significant achievement for Catholic schools, our work is not done. The Andrews Labor Government is yet to make any public commitments towards capital infrastructure and neither party has addressed the full list of commitments we are seeking on our faircatholicfunding.com website. Our discussions with the government have been constructive and positive, and we are hopeful that a similar announcement will occur in the coming weeks.

We greatly appreciate your willingness and enthusiasm to lend a voice to our advocacy plan. It makes a real difference for members of parliament and candidates to hear from their local principals and teachers about the needs of our Catholic schools.

This funding will benefit many of you and we look forward to rolling out much-needed infrastructure works to your communities over the coming months.

We continue to seek your support by asking you to promote our website, so that school communities are aware of the full list of commitments we are seeking from the major parties.

Thank you for your continued support. Let’s keep the pressure on all major Victorian parties to commit to our plan in full and ensure its benefits can be achieved.

On behalf of



Jim Miles	Tom Sexton	Paul Desmond	Maria Kirkwood
Executive Director	Executive Director	Executive Director	Director, Catholic Education

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools	Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Ltd	Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd	Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd
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Registrations are NOW OPEN for our U/10, U/12 & U/14 divisions. The season officially starts on Friday 14th October 2022.

Matches will be every Friday with games starting from 5pm. The season will run through to March (with a break over the holiday period).

For more information or to register a team visit [Junior Futsal Competition - The Y Leisure City \(ymca.org.au\)](https://www.ymca.org.au)

If you have any questions please email ylc.sports@ywhittlesea.org.au or feel free to give me a call on 9401 2222.

**SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!
BE PREPARED FOR FUN AT EXTEND!**

There's no better way to celebrate this beautiful time of the year than to make something beautiful yourself! Create your very own wall art or kaleidoscope at Extend!

Go to [extend.com.au](https://www.extend.com.au) and create something beautiful!

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The following courses may be relevant to jobseekers and parents considering returning to the workforce:

- Learn English at TWCH S2 2022 E...
- Office Administration Essentials T4...
- Employability Skills Civil Constructi...